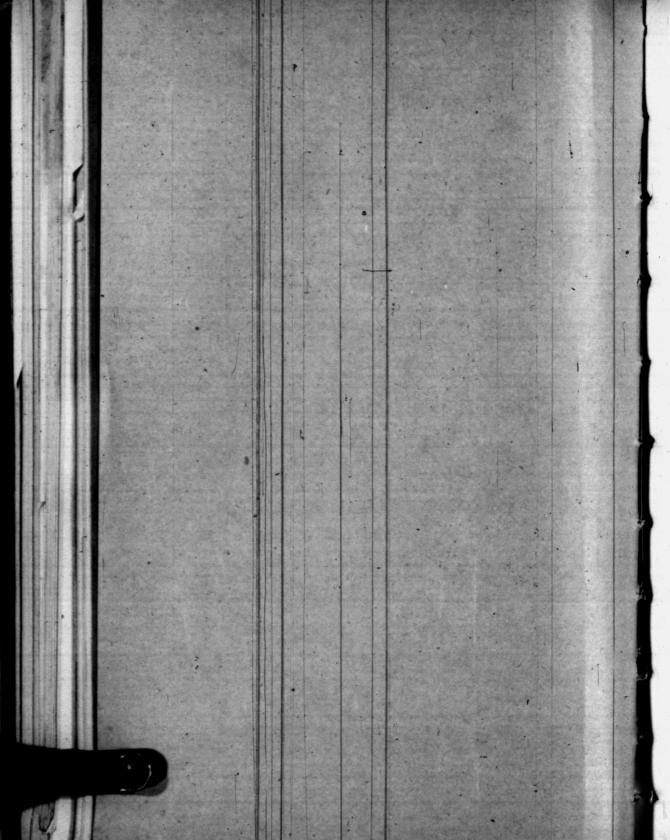
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J. P. HICKMAN, Clerk..... Canton, Miss

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PROCEEDINGS.

Good Hope, Madison Co., Miss., Oct. 27th. 1888,
The Harmony Baptist Association convened in her 39th.
annual session, and was called to order by the Moderator, W.
P. Dorrill, at 10 o'clock a. m. After the reading of the 1st chapter of Ephesiaus, prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Hackett and the body was announced ready for business. Elders E. E.
Thornton and J. C. Foster, by request, acted as reading clerks,
Letters from 22 churches were readand delegates names enrolled.
after which the body took an intermission to hear the introductory sermon. Elder J. P. Hickman, preached from Heb. 8th.
chapter and latter part of 6th verse after which the body adjourned one hour for dinner.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The body assembled in the house, and after devotional exer-

cises, business was resumed.

The body now went into permanent organization. Elders J. A. Hackett and E. E. Thornton acting as tellers: the election resulted in the election of Eld. W. P. Dorrill Moderator and Eld. J. P. Hickman Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee on religious exercises, to report instanter; H. Collier and W. J. Miles, with pastor and deacons of their church.

Application of new churches for membership called for, none

presented.

Correspondents received: From onvention board, Eld. J. A. Hackett; from Kosciusko Association, Eld. E. E. Thornton. Returned corespondents: Kosciusko Association, Elders J. H. Davis, R. G. Barrett and W. P. D rrill. Yazoo Association, Elders R. E. Melvin, J. C. Foster, R. G. Barrett and Bros. J. F. Kernops and S. G. Ware.

Mt. Pisgah Association, J. C. Foster.

Mt. Olive Association, Elders R. G. Barrett, J. P. Hickman and Bro. Thomas Bill ro.

Baptist State Convention, Elders. R. E. Melvin, W. P. Dorrill, J. C. Foster, R. G. Barrett, J. H. Pavis, T. J. Moore, and Brethren T. G. Ward, J. Y. Blocker and W. J. Miles.

The committee on religious exercises reported. (A.)

On motion the Moderator was granted until to-night to

Adjournment to 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Saturday night, Elder J. C. Foster preached from 8th.

SABBATH EXERCISES, 9:30 A. M.

Interesting services by the Choctaws. 11 o'clock a.m. Elda E. E. Thornton preached to a large and attentive congregation, Text, Matt. 28th. chapt, and 19th. and 20th. verses, after which collection of \$15,00 was taken for State Missions, Eld. W. P. Dorrill preached at the same hour at the stand, from Matt. 17th chapter and latter part of 8th. verse.

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Elder J A. Hackett preached at the stand, Text, Rom. 8th.

Chap. and 32nd. verso.

**30 o'clock Monday morning, Body met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises business was resumed, minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Received correspondents from Yazoo Association. Elder T. J. Bailey and Bro. T. W. Wright: Mt. Olive Association, Bro.

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Committee on Publications reported. (B)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (C)

Committee on Miss. College and Ministerial Education

Committee on Missions reported. (E)

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

After devotional exercises the body resumed business.

ommittee on Nominations reported. (F)
Committee on Obituaries reported. (G)

Committee on Queries and Requests reported. (H)

Committee on Temperance reported. (I)

Committee on State of Religion reported. (J)

Committee on Finance reported. (K)

The Executive Board made its annual report which was

Resolved, That in the future the first order of business shall

be to appoint a finance committee

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered this church and community, for the kind and hos-

pitable manner in which they have entertained us.

Resolved, That the Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to draw on the Treasury for \$15 for his services. After the singing of "Sweet By and By" while extending the parting hand, and a prayer of thanks to God for his many mercies, during the past year, the Association adjourned to meet with the Cen-

ter Hill church, Leake County, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October 1889.

W. P. DORRILL, Mod.

JNO. P. HICKMAN, Clerk and Treas.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

We, your committee on religious exercises, report that Elder J. C. Foster greathes to-night and the Chectaws hold religious exercises tomorrow morning at 9 oklock. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., by E. E. Thornton, and by J. A. Hackett at 2 o'clock p. m. and W. P. Dorrill to morrow night.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY COLLIER, Chairman.

Report on Publications.

Your committee on Publications would report the best book for Christians to read is the Bible It is the last will and testi mony of our Heavenly Father and makes us wise, pertaining to all matters of life and Godliness. We urge our people everywhere, and by all means, to read the Bible. There are many other religious books of most excellent character, too numerous to mention. Brethren, get them and read them, but perhaps the most useful of all literature, after the Bible, is the religious newspapers, those which bring into our homes and families the best thoughts of our brethren on all doctrinal, practical and experimental subjects, as well as the current religious news of the day; and the paper that can serve best in this regard is the Southern Baptist Record. It is dur State organ, and if we will amply sustain it with our patronage and prayers, it will be our greatest power for good. We urge our people to subscribe for, and read the Southern Baptist Record.

We would also mention the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and our "Home Field" the organ of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, both of which are most excellent papers, and useful as educators in Also we recommend the Kind Words series of Sabmissions. bath School helpers as equal to any for our Sunday Schools. This series is published at Atlanta, Georgia. And lastly, we recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, as the place to obtain all manner of Baptist books and other

publications of good quality and at reasonable rates.

Respectfully submitted, R. G.BARRETT, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

(C) Your committee find that in some portions of the Association there is a rapid growth in the Sabbath School interest. quite a number of new ones established, and old ones increasing in number and power, while in other localities there see ms to be quite a sad deficiency in this work. We recognize the faithful, earnest work of the Sabbath School as being of next importance to that of the ministry in the salvation of souls and the universal dissemination of God's work, therefore, we reco mmend that all Ministers of this Association do all in their power to establish a Sunday School in each and every church in their charge.

Respectfully submitted. J. M. SANDIDGE, Chairman.

Report on Mississippi College and Ministeria! Education.

Ministerial Education: What is it? The Theologian of fifty, years ago, and even now some, would answer that it is to be crammed with Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and French Languages ancient, Modern, and Church History, Classical English Literature Mathematics Philosophy, Astronomy, Rhetoric, and Logic. While you can freely admit that all these, and other branches, of human knowlege, aid greatly in the development of the reasoning powers, yet they do not constitute Ministerial Education.

First principle of Ministerial or any other Education is to know how to think, and this is the great advance in the new How to do this for the student is the chief busi-Education.

ness of the Educators of the coming generation.

e

In Ben Franklin's mind reposed a great thought, that thought Knowing how to developed in harnessing the lightning. think has brought forth during the last century many wonderful inventions. The Telegraph, The Telephone, the Phonograph-by the latter your sermon can be preserved and repeated in the same tone to your children when you are sleeping We give these as illustrations showing the result of knowing how to think. In the Education of the young minister this how to think should be emphasized at every The sciences above mentioned, are important factors in the development of this power of the Mind. Another factor of the highest importance in Ministerial Education s a thorough knowledge of the Scripture Search the Scriptures is an injunction of the Great Teacher.

Last but not least-The heart must be Educated To love God, to love Souls, to love His life work, to love not the World nor the things of the world, for if the love of the World be you then the love of the Teacher is not in you.

CLINTON COLLEGE.

This institution is doing a grand work and is now in a better condition than ever before. Is out of debt and a small balance in the Treasury. 250 Students matriculated last session-This is a Baptist Institution and should be patronized liberally by Baptists and supported by Baptist and your committee earnessly commend this school to our people in every way worthy of their sympathy, prayers, patronage and liberal support.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. C. FOSTER, Chairman.

Report on Missions

 (\mathbf{E}) Your Committee on Missions submit the following Reports. From the dawn of the Missionary revival in the latter pana of the last century to the present hour, light has been flowing in upon us in such a constantly increasing stream, that we do not now need further knowlege on the subject, so much as wee need to have all the members of all our churches stimulated up act up to the full measure of their ability on what they already

In order to satisfy any one that we are not so acting, never have teen making an approach towards it, let us take usp the following facts, and look them squarely in the face.

1. Our yearly published statistics, in which we count cour members by the hundred thousands.

2. Our claims of superiority over all others, in that our by profession at least is an exclusively converted member-

ship.

. Take the lavish expenditure we make on curselves for our profit. our pleasure. our carnal indulgence even, and compare it with the pitiful pittance we dole out once a year, to advance the cause we profess to love above every other cause.

With these lacts before us there are three other facts cleanly

self evident :-

1. All that is now done in this direction is done by a very Zow.

2. With very few and very rare exceptions, the poorest meanbers we have, those who do nothing-could, did they comsider the subject rightly, go far beyond what is now done by

the richest, as we will show presently.

3. From the first announcement of the gospel message to the present hour, the preaching of the gospel has always been com-

ing somebody, semething.

From these considerations we conclude that if we could set aside all religious considerations, every one who is benefitted by the gospel, on principles of strict equity alone, is under obligations, not to be evaded, to bear his part in the expense incurred.

Now, in the whole new Testament there is not another principle more clearly revealed than this—a principle lying right on the surface of things, that "This gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all nations for a witness," that this must be done cost what it may, and that the expense of extending the gospel is to be not alone by those who profess obedience to the gospel.

As motives to more earnest, aggressive efforts in mission work, the first we present is

LOVE, FOUNDED ON THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

This was the key note in Paul's master argument, when urging the Corinthian Christians to cultivate the "grace of giving." He begins his appeal by a reference, (2 Corinthians 8, 1) to the "grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia," that is, the church at Philippi and others. The grace bestowed was [verse 2] "that in much trial of affliction was the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty abounded to the richest of their liberality." (Bible Union session.)

He urges the Corinthians, that in proof of the sincerity of their affection, they "abound in this grace also" and adds: (verse 9.) "Ye know the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that

ye through his poverty, might become rich."

The strength of the apostles argument is this: As Christians profess a hope of salvation through the death of Jesus, they must, in order to evince the sincerity of that profession, exhibit in their lives, the life of Jesus. Now, as the whole life of Jesus from the manger to the cross, was a scene of sacrifice, self denial for the benefit of others; the Scripture imperatively demands as a test of discipleship, that in our efforts to extend the gospel "to the religious beyond," we give to the extent of making sacrifice. Let every member do this, and it will not be long till the contributions of the poorest will surpass what the richest do now. I allude to average cases, not to exceptions. Another motive to largely increased giving is

GRATITUDE.

We would prove, did time permit, and can prove conclusively, that to the blessing of God on the labors of Paul and his compeers, in the capacity of Foreign Missionaries, we are indebted to day for the fact we are a Christian, and not a hearthen people. For such an inestimable blessing for ourselves, and for such an inheritance for our children, well may every pious

heart exclaim with David. "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits." What liberal thank-offerings should we lay on the altar of our God, for the benefit of those who are still in the midnight darkness of heathenism!

A third motive is presented from a review of our Home Field:

it comes in the form of

DANGER WARNING.

* I intend more fully to elaborate this thought in the Record at an early day.

R. E. M. Chairman Committee.

We have in the South a large population, on whom our national government, in a fit of mistaken patriotism, as many honestly believe, bestowed, the right of suffrage while as yet they were wholly unprepared to receive it. The safety of our country demands of us, if we had no higher motive, that they be brought under intelligent Christian influence.

Then we have to deal with many remnants of Indian races, some in our midst and more on our borders. For the same reason the Indians must be Christianized or they must be exterminated. We have no choice. Can the Christian heart long hes-

itate between two such alternatives?

Then again, the world is coming to us, and we can't stop them; already the stream is turning Southward. Europe is flooding us with her infidelity, her Sabbath desecration, heranarchy, and Asia is flooding us with her idolatry. It is true, our Congress is trying by legislation to control this immense foreign influx; as well attempt to control by legislation the flow of the Mississippi river. The world is coming, — with the consent of our laws or in spite of our laws the world is coming and we must take the multitudes crowding upon us or they will take us.

We are not a armists, but the crisis now on us is one that the man who loves his country can't afford to treat with indifference, and all we have done in this direction in the past does

not rise to the dignity of child's play.

As additional motives to greatly increased effort, did time and space permit, your committee could urge the certainty of ultimate success and prove it. We could show that as an exercise of discipline for the strengthening of faith and consequent quickened activity in every department of work we all need the im pulse that will result from larger giving with a "willing mind." We could show by many cheering, and alas too, by many melancholy examples that churches languish or prosperin the relation which they give or send to others. But want of time will not permit us to even touch on any of these topics, we can only allude to them, and hasten to present what we offer as our last motive:

WHAT WE DO, WE MUST DO QUICKLY.

Our own lives are too short to permit of loitering. But besides that, the state of things in Foreign fields will not allow it

and the state of things at home will not allow it.

By a marvelous combination of providences the way is now open for the Christian Missionary to enter safely, into every heathen nation on earth. God is giving us the messengers, men and women, to bear the message, and we only lack the means to send them.

At the same time the devotees of all false systems,-Papal and Pagan, have grown wearied and disgusted with those systems, and of their own accord are casting them away. must give them the gospel and give it soon, or they will only exchange idolatry for infidelity. Now is our opportunity as

To the claims of our Home Fields we have already alluded. never before. Would to God American Christians would wake up to the momentous realities that are already upon us. Remember that whether we make up our minds to meet the crisis, or whether we sleep on, the crisis is on us, demanding of us :-

"WHAT THOU DOEST, DO QUICKLY." Respectfully Submitted.

R. E. MELVIN, Chairman,

Report on Nominations.

We recommend that the next Executive Board be composed of the ordained Ministers of this Association's ex-officers and that the following laymen, G. T. Gober, T. B. Blailock, F. L. Hill, W. J. Phillips, J. M. Moony, T. J. Moore, J. Y. Blocker, J. C. Pool, F. W. Ell ngton, G. M. C. Davis, Isaac Tredwell, J. F. Kernops, J. W. McKay, J. T. Nutt, Thos. Baker, Dr. J. N. Denson, Thos. Anderson, J. W. Kersey, J. A. Adamson, J. W. Kersey, Dr. J. M. D. Denson, Thos. J. A. Adams, J. C. McBeth, Ely Douglass, W. B. Rawson, Geo. Allen, J. H. Hickman, G. W. Thornton and Jas. Kenip.

Also that each church appoint one layman, making two laymen from each church members of the board. We nominate Eld. J. H. Pavis to preach the next introductory sermon and Eld. J C. Foster his alternate.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. B. Ellington, Chairman.

Report on Obituaries.

Your com. on obituaries would gladly report that there have been no deaths during the past year among the ministry of While the letters show that there have been our association.

deaths in our churches. We beg that the hearts of our people be lifted up in thankfulness to the Great Life Preserver and implore His guidance in the short life laid out before us.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. G. BARRETT, Chairman.

Report on Queries and Requests.

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We, your committee on queries and requests, would say that we find no queries sent up but find two churches asking for the next Association, viz: Center Hill and Mount Zion. We would recommend Center Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY COLLIER, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

(I)

We are pleased to report a marked improvement in the State of Temperance within our bounds. A score of years ago almost every cross road indicated the place of a grog shop. Now, we announce that there is not a single saloon within our territory. Our members more fully realize and abhor the intemperate use of intoxicants than ever before, while the frown of society is more stubbornly fixed upon it. Alcoholic liquor in its various forms has proven to be a drawback to all laudable institutions, and especially to the Christian religion. We consider that all Christians who drink whisky as a beverage it matters not how moderately, are honoring Satan and not the Lord, with their substance.

Therefore we recommend to all Christians. Baptists in particular, that they abstain totally from its use, and array themselves as uncompromising enemies to it.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. J. Moore, Chairman.

Report on State of Religion.

(J)

Your committee on State of Religion make the following re-

Beulah, in working order.

Camden, Much revived with several additions.

Canaan, at peace one with another.

Carthage, spiritual condition good. much revived with many

Mt. Carmel, much revived, pray for us. Mars Hill, at peace and much revived. Good Hope, (M) in a prosperous condition.

New Providence, at peace.

Thomastown, at peace and alive, at work in the Masters

Stump Bridge, in good working order.

Salem, at peace one with another, and, had a glorious revival of God's rich blessings.

Old Rocky Point, in working order.

Standing Pine, cold and in a barren condition.

Hopewell, (Choc.) peace and harmony prevail, and spiritual-

ly stengthened. Hopewell, much revived with several additions. Center Hill, much revived and in working order.

Mt. Zion, [Choc.] at peace and some additions.

Good Hope, [L.] at peace, and much revived.

Midway, at peace. Mf. Zion, in a thriving condition, pray for us,

Harmony, in a prosperous condition. Jerusalem, New Hope, New Union, Pleasant Hill and Rocky Point not represented.

Respectfully Submitted. T. G. WARD, Chairman.

(Report on Finance.
(K)

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The within statement does not represent the full amount contributed by the churches, a portion of the funds having been sent direct to the respective boards.

We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them cor-

rect, with a balance on hand of \$8.01.

Respectfully submitted. W. J. MILES, Chairman .

Report of Executive Board.

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Dear Brethren-Since your last meeting we have held four meetings as follows: in June, at Center Hill, in April at Thomastown, in July, at Beulah, and in September at Mt. Carmel. Our meetings, in the main, have been well attended, and spirit. ually minded. Our work has consisted in the discussion of . questions of a practical nature, and we feel that good has been accomplished in that way; we have also done some mission work. In Jan. there was a destitution reported in the neighborhood of Mrs. Mabrys, to which Bro. R. G. Barrett was appointed, and in April another in the neighborhood of Lottvile to which Bro. J. P. Hickman was appointed. Our Missionaries have reported favorably from their fields, with three baptisms in the Mabry We would report our board out of debt, with a neighborhood. small balance in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted. J. P. HICKMAN, Sec'y.

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